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MAPPED TO PROGRAM MEMORY

SPACE WITH ERRONEOUS EXECUTION PROTECTION"

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Non-Final Office Action, mailed December 9, 2004, Applicants respectfully submit herewith a Terminal Disclaimer, and request reconsideration of the rejections set forth in the Office Action, in light of this Terminal Disclaimer herein below.

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The owner, Microchip Technology Incorporated., of one hundred percent ("100%") interest in the instant application hereby disclaims, except as provided below, the terminal part of the statutory term of any patent granted on the instant application, which would extend beyond the expiration date of the full statutory term defined in 35 U.S.C. 154 to 156 and 173, as presently shortened by any terminal disclaimer, of prior Patent Number 6,728,856. The owner hereby agrees that any patent so granted on the instant application shall be enforceable only for and during such period that it and the prior patent are commonly owned. This agreement runs with any patent granted on the instant application and is binding upon the grantee, its successors or assigns.

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As attorney of record for the Applicant, I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application of any patent issued thereon.

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SUMMARY

In light of the above amendments and remarks, reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejection is respectfully requested. It is further submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance and early notice of the same is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner have any questions, comments or suggestions in furtherance of the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the attorney of record by telephone or facsimile.

Applicant submits herewith check #923128 in the amount of \$250.00 for, among other things, the Terminal Disclaimer fee (37 C.F.R. §1.20(d)). Applicant believe there are no additional fees due in association with the filing of this response. However, if the Commissioner should deem any additional fees due, including any fees for extensions of time, Applicant respectfully request that the Commissioner accept this a Petition therefore, and direct that any and all additional fees due are debited from, or any overpayments credited to, Baker Botts L.L.P. Deposit Account No. 02-0383, (formerly Baker & Botts, L.L.P.,) Order Number 068354.1468.

Respectfully submitted,

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